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## FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE ND-27

This notice announces revisions to FOTG Sections I and IV and the addition of Forage Suitability Group (FSG) data to Section II, as follows:

"State Environmental Laws Affecting North Dakota Agriculture" has been added to eFOTG Section I - D. Laws. The title of the document is self-explanatory.

Five maps have been posted in the eFOTG Section I - B. Maps:

- NRCS Administrative Areas and Offices in North Dakota
- Resource Conservation and Development Areas in North Dakota
- Soil Conservation District Areas in North Dakota
- North Dakota 8 Digit Hydrologic Unit Boundaries
- Vegetative Zones of North Dakota

Forage Suitability Group (FSG) data for Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) 55B has been added to eFOTG, Section II Natural Resources Information - 4. Forage Suitability Groups. The FSG data supercedes the "Pasture and Hayland Suitability Group" data for all land in MLRA 55B. Some soils reports in eFOTG, Section II - 1. Soils Information - county subfolders - contain "Pasture and Hayland Suitability Group" data for counties in MLRA 55B. These reports will be revised in the future. **For all tame pasture and hayland planning in MLRA 55B, use FSG data.**

### **Filing Instructions**

1. Local laws that may impact conservation planning are to be recorded in Section I. Local laws may be filed as hard copy, or an electronic version may be maintained in eFOTG. District conservationists preferring to file local laws on eFOTG should submit electronic versions to [mark.anderson@nd.usda.gov](mailto:mark.anderson@nd.usda.gov).
2. Add titles of additional local maps and local references to the appropriate subsection of the attached Section I - Table of Contents. Replace FOTG Section I - Table of Contents dated August 2002 with the November 2002 version.
3. Retain the hard copy of North Dakota 8 Digit Hydrologic Unit Boundaries maps because it is more detailed than the eFOTG version.
4. Remove the following hard copy maps from FOTG Section I - Maps:
  - USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Administrative Areas and Offices in North Dakota, December 1995
  - Soil Conservation District Areas in North Dakota, June 1992
  - Resource Conservation and Development Areas in North Dakota, June 1992
  - Vegetative Zones of North Dakota, January 1992

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5. The offices serving an area entirely within MLRA 55B (Wells, Foster, Griggs, Stutsman, and Barnes counties) may remove "Pasture and Hayland Suitability Group" data. The data should be retained only if it is used - or expected to be used - for conservation planning on land in MLRAs other than 55B. The superceded data will be archived in the State Office.
6. Remove and discard the following from Section II of FOTG:
  - Introduction, Section II - Soil and Site Information
  - Mined Land Interpretations (divider only)
  - Forest Land Interpretations (divider only)
  - Windbreak Interpretations (remove and discard the material that was retained with the instructions on FOTG Notice ND-20)
7. The following standards have been withdrawn from Section IV based on the following information:
  - Cross Wind Stripcropping (589B) - This conservation practice is now included in Stripcropping (585)
  - Dam, Floodwater Retarding (402) - The information from this standard is now contained in Dam (402)
  - Dam, Multi-Purpose (349) - The information from this standard is now contained in Dam (402)
  - Floodwater Diversion (400) - Criteria contained in this standard are included in Dike (356) or Diversion (362)
  - Floodway (404) - Criteria contained in this standard are included in Dike (356) or Diversion (362)
  - Irrigation Pit (552A) - This information is now included in practice standard Irrigation Storage Reservoir (436)
  - Pond Sealing or Lining, Asphalt-Sealed Fabric Liner (521E) - Materials for this practice are no longer readily available
  - Pond Sealing or Lining, Cationic Emulsion - Waterborne Sealant (521D)
  - Stripcropping, Field (586) - The information from this standard is now contained in Stripcropping (585)
  - Field Windbreak (392) - This information has been incorporated into practice standard Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

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Attachment: FOTG Section I, Table of Contents, November 2002